GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3817
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2016
Increase in Allocation
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries and their entitlements under the Public Distribution System (PDS)/Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and AAY, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether there are complaints from some States that the BPL and AAY beneficiaries are not getting their full quota of entitlements and if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken in this regard indicating the quantum and price of foodgrains allocated, lifted and distributed during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise;
(c) whether some States have reportedly failed to lift their full quota of foodgrains and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether the Government proposes to include pulses and edible oils apart from foodgrains in the list of commodities to be distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS)/National Food Security at a highly subsidized rate and if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the demand of the said commodities;
(e) whether requests have been received for increase/restoration of foodgrain quota under the PDS and if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto; and
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(f) the other steps taken by the Government for speeding up efficient delivery through PDS by plugging leakage of foodgrains and checking wastage of food and vegetable items?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC ISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): The National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), which has come into effect from 5.7.2013, coverage for receiving highly subsidized foodgrains has been delinked from poverty estimates. The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population under two categories viz. Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) and Priority Households. As per the above coverage and based on 2011 census population, the number of persons eligible for subsidized foodgrain under TPDS in the country is estimated at about 81.35 crores. Under the act, the AAY households are entitled to receive 35 Kg. of foodgrains per households per month at Rs.1/2/3 per Kg. coarsegrains/wheat/rice, and Priority Households are entitled to receive 5 kg. of foodgrains per person per month at the same price. The details of number of State/Union Territories (UTs) -wise coverage under NFSA is at Annex-I
(b): Government of India makes allocation of foodgrains under TPDS wherein the responsibility for distribution of the allocated foodgrains within the State rests with the concerned State Governments. A statement indicating State-wise allocation & offtake of rice & wheat for the last three years and current years is at Annex-II. Allocation was made to BPL category at the Central issue prices of Rs.5.65 per kg and Rs.4.15 per kg for rice and wheat respectively and to AAY category at the prices stated in reply to part (a) above.
(c): Some States/UTs have not been able to completely lift the foodgrains under BPL and AAY categories as per the details given at Annex II above. The reasons for lower offtake by the States/Union Territories (UTs) may be attributed to inability of State/UT Governments or their agencies to mobilize funds, shortage of sufficient intermediate storage capacity with the State Governments to store the foodgrains after lifting the same from Food Corporation of India (FCI), lower demand from beneficiaries in view of higher production and retention of foodgrains, shifting in food consumption pattern due to increase in per capita income, etc. To ensure maximum lifting under TPDS, the Government has been persuading States/UTs to lift their entire allocated quota of foodgrains through quarterly advisories, individual letters, various conferences and periodical meetings with them.
(d): There is no proposal to distribute pulses & edible oils under the Public Distribution System (PDS)/NFSA.
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(e): Requests have been received from States/UTs for additional/higher allocation under TPDS and for natural calamities, festivals and other additional requirements of the States/UTs. Keeping in view the requests received from the States, Government has made additional allocations of 50.56 lakh tons of foodgrains during the current year for BPL and APL families in the States/UTs which have not implemented the NFSA. In addition, Government of India has also allocated a quantity of around 28.55 lakh tons of foodgrains during the current year to the States/UTs for natural calamity, festivals and other additional requirements of the States.
(f): Strengthening and streamlining of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is a continuous endeavour. To improve functioning of TPDS, Government has been regularly issuing advisories and holding meetings, conferences, etc. wherein StatelUT Governments are requested for review of lists of beneficiaries, improving the offtake of allocated foodgrains, ensuring timely availability of foodgrains at Fair price Shops (FPSs), greater transparency in functioning of TPDS, improved monitoring and vigilance at various levels, improving the viability of FPS operations, etc.
The plan scheme on end-to-end computerization of TPDS operations, being run by the Department comprises activities, namely digitization of ration cards/beneficiary and other databases, computerization of supply-chain management, setting up of transparency portals and grievance redressal mechanisms. The scheme will enable removal of bogus/ineligible ration cards and better targeting of Food subsidy, facilitate availability of foodgrains to intended beneficiaries at Fair Price Shops (FPS), check leakages and diversions

etc. Further, for checking of leakages and diversions of foodgrains, Government is pursuing with all States and UTs to opt for Direct Cash Transfers of food subsidy to eligible beneficiaries.

To check wastage, all required measures are to be taken for scientific storage of foodgrains so that there is no deterioration in their quality. Inspection are carried out at various levels to check the quality of foodgrains at regular intervals. To control insect pests, curative treatment are carried out.

Government, to check wastage of food and vegetables in the country, is also implementing a number of Central Sector Schemes such as Mega food Parks, Modern Abattoirs, Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation, Quality Assurance etc.

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Annex-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3817 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA

DETAILS REGARDING COVERAGE OF POPULATION UNDER NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013

S.No	STATE/UT	Total No. of Persons to be covered (in lakh)		
		Rural	Urban	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	200.20	68.03	268.23
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7.09	1.62	8.71
3	Assam	225.41	26.49	251.90
4	Bihar	783.74	87.42	871.16
5	Chhattisgarh	165.16	35.61	200.77
6	Delhi	1.58	71.20	72.78
7	Goa	2.33	2.99	5.32
8	Gujarat	258.78	124.06	382.85
9	Haryana	90.28	36.21	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	34.68	2.13	36.82
11	J&K			

58.05
16.08
74.13
12
Jharkhand
216.52
47.73
264.25
13
Karnataka
285.55
116.38
401.93
14
Kerala
91.87
62.93
154.80
15
Madhya Pradesh
420.83
125.59
546.42
16
Maharashtra
469.71
230.45
700.17
17
Manipur
17.91
7.15
25.06
18
Meghalaya
18.43
3.03
21.46
19
Mizoram
4.33
2.73
7.06
20
Nagaland
11.23
3.56
14.79
21
Orissa
287.19
39.02
326.21
22
Punjab
94.88
46.57
141.45
23
Rajasthan
356.09
90.53
446.62
24
Sikkim
3.45
0.61
4.07
25
Tamilnadu
232.62

132.08
364.69
26
Telengana
143.08
48.62
191.70
27
Tripura
20.26
4.76
25.02
28
Uttar Pradesh
1234.06
286.52
1520.59
29
Uttarakhand
45.85
16.09
61.94
30
West Bengal
463.31
138.53
601.84
31
A&N Islands
0.61
0.02
0.63
32
Chandigarh
0.11
4.85
4.96
33
D&N Haveli
1.54
0.82
2.36
34
Daman & Diu
0.16
1.03
1.19
35
Lakshdweep
0.05
0.17
0.22
36
Puducherry
2.35
3.99
6.34
TOTAL
6249.30
1885.61
8134.92
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Annex-II STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b & c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3817 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA

Allocation and Offtake of Rice and Wheat under TPDS from 2013-14 to 2016-17(up to June ,16) for BPL and AAY category

(in thousand tons)

SL.NO
STATES/UTs
2013-14
2014-15
2015-16

2016-17(Up to June,16)
ALLOTMENT
OFFTAKE
ALLOTMENT
OFFTAKE
ALLOTMENT
OFFTAKE
ALLOTMENT
OFFTAKE
BPL
AAY
BPL
AAY
BPL
AAY
BPL
AAY
BPL
AAY
BPL
AAY
BPL
AAY
BPL
AAY
1
Andhra Pradesh
1052.088
654.288
823.983
526.656
723.201
449.754
495.920
325.911
409.048
870.951
472.890
734.569
0.000
462.444
0.000
428.177
2
Arunanchal Pradesh
25.524
15.972
26.061
15.734
25.524
15.972
24.929
15.771
25.524
15.972
25.537
16.074
0.000
14.031
0.081
12.952
3
Assam
475.224
295.692
472.071
294.008
475.224
295.692
464.680
291.488

316.816
718.060
320.853
560.828
0.000
390.699
0.000
374.234
4
Bihar(NFSA)
1548.591
1372.460
1615.374
1057.898
0.000
4914.900
11.582
3926.397
0.000
5241.275
0.000
5025.021
0.000
1373.466
0.000
1151.548
5
Chhatisgarh(NFSA)
364.266
549.177
405.116
467.144
0.000
1337.466
0.000
1329.701
0.000
1384.056
0.000
1384.056
0.000
346.014
0.000
346.014
6
Delhi(NFSA)
54.348
135.220
49.513
110.286
0.000
220.691
0.000
234.099
0.000
423.792
0.000
425.638
0.000
112.426
0.000
109.689
7
Goa
5.532
6.108
5.495
6.108
5.532
6.108
5.047

5.599
3.688
15.212
3.601
16.095
0.000
8.355
0.000
7.455
8
Gujarat
550.368
340.080
560.286
351.820
572.088
318.360
567.666
309.087
564.156
326.292
564.337
326.169
0.000
527.238
0.069
516.961
9
Haryana(NFSA)
86.905
368.674
81.418
312.494
0.000
795.000
0.000
732.473
0.000
795.000
0.000
780.211
0.000
198.750
0.000
208.792
10
Himachal Pradesh(NFSA)
66.570
134.346
55.938
130.495
0.000
185.952
0.000
180.705
0.000
185.952
0.000
186.084
0.000
47.338
0.000
46.488
11
Jammu & Kashmir
201.696
107.388
198.621
107.645
201.696
107.388

179.629
96.353
168.080
163.150
196.043
123.156
0.000
118.704
0.000
129.045
12
Jharkhand (NFSA)
619.968
385.524
613.287
384.030
619.968
385.524
568.021
356.653
309.984
973.584
354.915
726.751
0.000
390.412
0.000
362.582
13
Karnataka(NFSA)
627.345
977.448
661.352
998.407
0.000
2542.657
0.000
2313.096
0.000
2608.836
0.000
2238.332
0.000
652.209
0.000
678.486
14
Kerala
402.348
250.260
404.243
258.412
402.348
250.260
391.139
243.433
402.348
250.260
400.314
247.394
100.587
62.565
102.727
66.618
15
Madhya Pradesh(NFSA)
979.198
843.448
1271.059
620.559
0.000

3194.247
0.000
2911.381
0.000
3390.015
0.000
3182.270
0.000
868.008
0.000
655.399
16
Maharashtra(NFSA)
1421.146
1616.040
1475.682
1419.901
0.000
4527.492
0.000
4045.524
0.000
4605.192
0.000
4324.368
0.000
1151.298
0.000
1060.039
17
Manipur
43.008
26.724
42.545
26.477
43.008
26.724
43.194
26.724
43.008
26.724
43.007
26.725
0.000
35.391
0.000
14.299
18
Meghalaya
47.376
29.484
47.377
29.485
47.376
29.484
47.377
29.484
39.480
46.172
43.794
27.026
0.000
32.400
0.000
35.145
19
Mizoram
17.640
10.920
16.640
10.120

17.640
10.920
16.015
9.722
16.170
13.721
18.333
11.098
0.000
11.133
0.000
9.305
20
Nagaland
32.112
19.968
31.954
18.854
32.112
19.968
34.536
21.486
32.112
19.968
33.731
21.764
8.028
4.992
8.028
6.488
21
Odisha
1167.942
528.750
1161.373
540.173
1170.288
526.404
1176.760
529.844
750.506
1031.826
743.408
870.144
0.000
510.562
0.000
533.594
22
Punjab(NFSA)
80.784
279.300
77.442
265.726
0.000
870.120
0.000
191.434
0.000
870.120
0.000
890.317
0.000
217.530
0.000
119.346
23
Rajasthan(NFSA)
314.766
1591.530
313.274

1519.460
0.000
2791.572
0.000
2723.600
0.000
2791.572
0.000
2681.131
0.000
697.893
0.000
653.730
24
Sikkim
11.304
6.936
11.361
7.372
11.304
6.936
10.362
6.448
8.478
11.778
8.477
11.777
0.000
6.576
0.000
6.597
25
Tamil Nadu
1259.232
783.144
1276.043
798.121
1259.232
783.144
1015.893
741.524
1259.232
783.144
1273.144
782.662
314.808
195.786
258.367
196.085
26
Telangana (NFSA)
0.000
0.000
0.000
0.000
328.887
204.534
142.946
81.719
219.258
784.380
221.816
668.348
0.000
324.012
0.000
300.214
27
Tripura (NFSA)
76.380
47.520

76.457
46.358
76.380
47.520
76.380
46.857
31.825
106.649
31.825
104.929
0.000
41.571
0.000
36.063
28
Uttar Pradesh
2765.484
1719.696
2776.437
1718.828
2765.484
1719.696
2530.851
1578.078
2424.463
2651.683
2470.561
2541.652
0.000
2274.656
0.000
2176.249
29
Uttrakhand (NFSA)
128.988
80.184
130.844
76.753
128.988
80.184
135.919
103.066
64.494
240.822
83.562
234.432
0.000
100.365
0.000
103.505
30
West Bengal
1553.580
621.684
1497.443
547.031
1553.580
621.684
1662.027
559.656
1206.581
1603.372
1440.550
1049.195
0.000
903.288
6.768
861.648
31
A&N Islands
5.340

2.010
5.192
0.977
4.278
1.818
3.258
2.089
3.597
1.928
2.311
0.885
0.000
0.999
0.000
0.629
32
Chandigarh(NFSA)
3.130
1.695
3.042
1.245
0.000
13.096
0.000
10.598
0.000
6.145
0.000
6.529
0.000
0.000
0.000
0.000
33
D&N Haveli
5.028
2.196
5.674
2.530
5.028
2.196
5.239
2.720
4.609
2.762
4.609
3.001
0.000
2.244
0.000
1.257
34
Damen& DIU
1.044
0.636
0.268
0.101
1.044
0.636
0.837
0.336
0.609
2.866
0.520
2.612
0.000
1.505
0.000
0.427
35
Lakshadweep (NFSA)

0.756
0.504
0.770
0.000
0.756
0.504
0.756
1.008
0.252
1.184
0.000
1.016
0.000
0.381
0.000
0.381
36
Puducherry (NFSA)
21.564
13.548
12.908
9.796
21.564
13.548
1.145
4.551
8.985
5.645
1.119
2.600
0.000
0.000
0.000
0.000
TOTAL
16016.575
13818.554
16206.543
12681.004
10492.530
27318.151
9612.108
23988.615
8313.303
32970.060
8759.257
30234.859
423.423
12085.241
376.040
11209.441
AAY allocation and offtake during 2013-14 onwards includes allocation and offtake data of Priority category under NFSA also.
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